

Subject: North Carolina BS bill

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Metropolitan Museum of Art,
Central Park,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:-

Death has suddenly, and unexpectedly entered our home, taking off brother, leaving us, his two sisters weak frail girls (unable to work,) with no income, no money, and just crushed and heart broken.

No one in all this world to protect, and help us, and we are so worried, it's impossible to eat or sleep. My mother passed on to the Homeland four years ago, and my father a few years before, and now with my brother gone the sadness, and loneliness seems truly harder than either of his

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have strength to bear,
and then this constant worry
and fear of how we are going
to take care of ourselves &
and pay necessary living
expenses is constant torture
and unless we have assistance
in a few days think we will
lose our minds or will join
our loved one's in "The
Better Land".

Therefore am writing you
(not to borrow or beg) but
for information and we
will appreciate with all our
hearts the efforts personal
influence, and help you
will give us in this matter,
and I am not exaggerating in
any way, when I say the
result means life or death.
And I can think of no more
fitting words to express our
thanks and gratitude for your
kindness and trouble in
helping us secure what we

are truly ⁽³⁾ suffering for than
these; - And as much as you
have done it unto one of the
rest of these, you have done
it unto me."

In my Father's desk I have
found some old coins.
And a five dollar bill
Printed by James Davis in
1778. North Carolina Currency.
Across one side are the words -
"Death to Counterfeit".
The bill is in perfect condition
and all printing, etc, is clear
and plain.

The coins are as follows -
Two large old copper pennies
dates 1807 and 1801.
Another small copper penny
date 1863. On the back
are the words -
"Army & Navy".

A 1/10 (Three cent silver piece)
date 1867.

I remember hearing my

Father say⁽⁴⁾ "That this old
Southern bill was rare,
and very valuable, and the
coins also, and collectors
of Antique currency would
be willing to pay almost
any price to get them."
My Father prized them all
and never offered them for
sale. Now however my
sister and I are sick
alone, sad and in need,
and we feel we must
part with our Fathers
old coins and bill but
we do not know of any
wealthy collectors of antique
money for whom or for whom
to secure a purchaser for
our rare old currency.
Of course we fully
understand that there
are many wealthy people

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in this world, who are interested and eager to possess antique coins and especially a bill as old, rare, and curious as this North Carolina Five dollar bill of 1778 giving thousands of dollars for one, old coin. But as I have said before my sister and I do not know how or where to dispose of this old money, and we are so anxious to sell it for its all we have to help us in our bitter sorrow, and terrible financial need and are placing all our hopes on the sale of these old coins, and bill, and praying that God who watches over, and cares for the Sparrow, and knows from me grieve and suffer,

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will indeed send an angel
of mercy and help to us,
who will relieve our worry
and need by buying our
Antique currency for a price
that will mean a little and
relief to us. As you read
this I ask you to please
think how you would feel
if death had come to your
home taking some loved
one, and leaving two frail
weak sisters, daughters
or mother, unprotected
unprovided for and their
only hope of securing the
necessary means to have
home and food was by the
sale of some rare old currency
and not knowing how or
where to dispose of it they
applied to a stranger for
their influence and help
in their trouble and need.
Should you not feel that there

were no words sufficiently
 deep and heartfelt, that I
 could adequately express your
 gratitude and thankfulness
 if this stranger gave them
 the interest ~~by sympathy~~, and
 help they so sorely needed?
 And this is exactly what
 my sister and I are asking
 and praying that you will
 do for us in our sorrow
 and financial need.
 And I know ^{the} bread that
 you cast upon the waters
 will indeed return to you.
 Once again, I beg that you
 will give this true interest,
 and that relief and help
 will come in two or three
 days, that will brighten our
 sad worried lives. And I
 am sure God will bless
 and reward you, and our

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heartfelt gratitude will
follow you always.

Thanking you in advance
for your kindness, interest,
and help, and awaiting
with eager hopeful
anticipation for your reply.

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I am,

Yours truly,

Miss Susie Griffin,
Mount Kisco,
Box 305.
New York

Have also a one dollar bill
which is different from those
now in circulation. On one side
are the pictures of George and
Martha Washington. And all
around the edge of the bill
are little circles containing names.
On the side where the circles are
is the figure of a woman with
her arms around a child. She is
looking with the other at something which

4th May, 1929

Miss Susie Griffin,
Box 305, Mount Kisco, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Your letter to the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been referred to us for reply, as they do not collect coins and in consequence know no one who does.

It is with great regret that we have to inform you that your North Carolina five-dollar bill has no real value. At the very most you would be lucky to get \$1.00 for it. Your two one-cent pieces are worth about 10 or 15 cents each. Your other two pieces have no premium.

We know of no one we could tell you to go to. As far as we can see your only hope would be to try to sell them to someone in your neighborhood as no collector of our acquaintance would probably give over \$1.00 for all your pieces, as all of these could be obtained without any trouble from any dealer in New York.

Very truly yours,

Curator